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SOUTHEAST ALASKA SALMON PURSE SEINE FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

District 1

The following area will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Thursday, July 16, 2020:

Section 1-F: will be open south of a line from the southernmost tip of Cone Point at 55°14.45′ N lat, 131°18.90′ W long to the northernmost tip of Harbor Point at 55°13.04′ N lat, 131°25.17′ W long to Point Davison Light at 54°59.64′ N lat, 131°36.84′ W long, then due west to the District 2 boundary with the following restriction:

<u>Boca de Quadra</u>: will be closed south of a line from Quadra Point at 55°05.15′ N lat, 130°59.10′ W long to Slate Island Light at 55°05.29′ N lat, 131°03.17′ W long, east of a line from Slate Island Light to Black Rock Light at 55°01.42′ N lat, 131°03.59′ W long, and north of a line from Black Rock Light to a point on the mainland shore at 55°01.40′ N lat, 131°00.20′ W long.

District 2

The following area will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Thursday, July 16, 2020:

District 2: will be open south of the latitude of the northernmost tip of Polk Island at 55°00.73' N lat with the following restriction:

Moira Sound: all waters will be closed.

District 7

Section 7-A: will be closed.

District 9

The following area will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Thursday, July 16, 2020:

Southeast Cove Terminal Harvest Area (THA): will be open.

District 12

Point Augusta: will be closed.

<u>Chinook Salmon Landing Restrictions</u>: All Chinook salmon harvested in the Carroll Inlet, Neets Bay, Anita Bay, and Hidden Falls THAs may be retained and sold. All Chinook salmon harvested in the Deep Inlet THA must be retained and may be sold. For all other fishing areas (including the Kendrick Bay THA), Chinook salmon 28 inches or greater in length may

NOT be retained and Chinook salmon less than 28 inches may be retained but not sold. These restrictions will be in effect until at least July 25, 2020.

Fishermen and processors are reminded that all salmon, including steelhead, commercially harvested but retained for personal use and not sold, must be reported on fish tickets at the time of delivery.

Fishermen, tenders, and processors are reminded that harvest from the Kendrick Bay THA should be kept and reported on a separate fish ticket from harvest outside of the Kendrick Bay THA. The statistical area for the Kendrick Bay THA is 102-15 and includes the waters of McLean Arm and Kendrick Bay. The statistical areas for portions of District 2 open outside of the Kendrick Bay THA are 102-10 (Kendrick Bay south) and 102-20 (Kendrick Bay north).

The Southeast Cove and Thomas Bay THAs are new common property fisheries. For descriptions of the THAs, expected returns, and fishing schedules, refer to the Southeast Cove and Thomas Bay THAs Advisory Announcement released on April 15, 2020.

The next seine announcement will be issued on Friday, July 17, 2020.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1S2720.

Under Alaska's Health Mandates 10, 17, and 18, commercial fishing is an Essential Business and is part of Alaska's Essential Services and Critical Infrastructure. Commercial fishermen should ensure that all travel and other activities in support of commercial fishing operations follow protocols in Alaska COVID-19 Health Mandates. COVID-19 Health Mandates may be found here: https://gov.alaska.gov/home/covid19-healthmandates/

Southeast Alaska Purse Seine Harvest Estimates Statistical Week 29

Preliminary Estimates Compiled July 14, 2020

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Area	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total	Boats
District 1	0	1,200	800	100,000	5,800	107,800	42
District 2	0	400	650	5,000	12,000	18,050	27
District 7	0	300	30	15,000	5,000	20,330	26
SE Cove THA	0	15	0	30	27,000	27,045	19
Point Augusta	0	150	350	32,000	1,300	33,800	14
Total	0	2.065	1 920	152 020	5 1 100	207.025	128
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	FISH PER BOAT						
Area	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total	
District 1	0	29	19	2,381	138	2,567	
District 2	0	15	24	185	444	669	
District 7	0	12	1	577	192	782	
SE Cove THA	0	1	0	2	1,421	1,423	
Point Augusta	0	11	25	2,286	93	2,414	

Neets Bay THA harvest to date: 3,500 Chinook salmon and 5,500 chum salmon.

Carroll Inlet THA harvest to date: 1,600 Chinook salmon. Kendrick Bay THA harvest to date: 12,500 chum salmon.

Anita Bay THA harvest to date: 4,700 Chinook salmon and 2,000 chum salmon. Deep Inlet THA harvest to date: 2,100 Chinook salmon and 72,000 chum salmon.

Thomas Bay THA harvest to date: 8,300 chum salmon.

At the Point Augusta Index Area, the harvest of pink salmon was 90% of the 10-yr average and 178% of the recent even-yr average. The harvest of chum salmon was 24% of the 10-yr average.

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